



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
THE RESOURCES AGENCY  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

## License for Diversion and Use of Water

APPLICATION 19005

PERMIT 12999

LICENSE 8523

STANLEY A. TOPHAM AND LURINE S. TOPHAM  
STAR ROUTE, AUBERRY, CALIFORNIA 93602

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, *That*

HAVE made proof as of MARCH 30, 1967 (the date of inspection)  
to the satisfaction of the State Water Resources Control Board of a right to the use of the water of  
AN UNNAMED STREAM IN FRESNO COUNTY

tributary to SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

for the purpose of IRRIGATION, STOCKWATERING, RECREATIONAL AND FIRE PROTECTION USES under Permit 12999 of the Board and that the right to the use of this water has been perfected in accordance with the laws of California, the Regulations of the Board and the permit terms; that the priority of this right dates from SEPTEMBER 28, 1959 and that the amount of water to which this right is entitled and hereby confirmed is limited to the amount actually beneficially used for the stated purposes and shall not exceed FORTY-FIVE (45) ACRE-FEET PER ANNUM TO BE COLLECTED FROM ABOUT NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR TO ABOUT MAY 30 OF THE SUCCEEDING YEAR AND A MAXIMUM WITHDRAWAL OF 45 ACRE-FEET IN ANY ONE YEAR UNDER THIS RIGHT.

THIS LICENSE IS SUBJECT TO THE CONTINUATION OF A RANGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE WATERSHED OF THE RESERVOIR UNDER THIS LICENSE WHICH WILL CONTROL THE GROWTH OF BRUSH ON APPROXIMATELY 350 ACRES TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE GROWTH OF BRUSH WAS CONTROLLED IN SUCH WATERSHED UNDER APPLICANTS' RANGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN 1961.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION OF SUCH WATER IS LOCATED:

NORTH 650 FEET AND WEST 3,700 FEET FROM SE CORNER OF SECTION 1, T10S, R22E, MDB&M.  
BEING WITHIN SE1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 1.

A DESCRIPTION OF LANDS OR THE PLACE WHERE SUCH WATER IS PUT TO BENEFICIAL USE IS AS FOLLOWS:

AT RESERVOIR WITHIN SE1/4 OF SW1/4 AND SW1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SECTION 1, T10S, R22E,  
MDB&M AND IRRIGATION AS FOLLOWS:

5 ACRES WITHIN SW1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SECTION 1, T10S, R22E, MDB&M  
10 ACRES WITHIN NW1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SECTION 1, T10S, R22E, MDB&M

15 ACRES TOTAL

LICENSEE SHALL MAINTAIN AN OUTLET PIPE OF ADEQUATE CAPACITY IN HIS DAM AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE NATURAL STREAM CHANNEL, OR PROVIDE OTHER MEANS SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, IN ORDER THAT WATER ENTERING THE RESERVOIR OR COLLECTED IN THE RESERVOIR DURING AND AFTER THE CURRENT STORAGE SEASON MAY BE RELEASED INTO THE DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE DOWNSTREAM PRIOR RIGHTS AND/OR TO THE EXTENT THAT APPROPRIATION OF SAID WATER IS NOT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS RIGHT.

*Licensee shall allow representatives of the Board and other parties, as may be authorized from time to time by the Board, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this license.*

*All rights and privileges under this license including method of diversion, method of use and quantity of water diverted are subject to the continuing authority of the Board in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.*

*Reports shall be filed promptly by licensee on appropriate forms which will be provided for the purpose from time to time by the Board.*

*The right hereby confirmed to the diversion and use of water is restricted to the point or points of diversion herein specified and to the lands or place of use herein described.*

*This license is granted and licensee accepts all rights herein confirmed subject to the following provisions of the Water Code:*

Section 1625. Each license shall be in such form and contain such terms as may be prescribed by the Board.

Section 1626. All licenses shall be under the terms and conditions of this division (of the Water Code).

Section 1627. A license shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under it is used for a useful and beneficial purpose in conformity with this division (of the Water Code) but no longer.

Section 1628. Every license shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this article and the statement that any appropriator of water to whom a license is issued takes the license subject to the conditions therein expressed.

Section 1629. Every licensee, if he accepts a license does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any license granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any licensee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any licensee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).

Section 1630. At any time after the expiration of twenty years after the granting of a license, the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State shall have the right to purchase the works and property occupied and used under the license and the works built or constructed for the enjoyment of the rights granted under the license.

Section 1631. In the event that the State, or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or political subdivision of the State so desiring to purchase, and the owner of the works and property cannot agree upon the purchase price, the price shall be determined in such manner as is now or may hereafter be provided by law for determining the value of property taken in eminent domain proceedings.

Dated: MAR 15 1968

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

*K. R. [Signature]*

Chief, Division of Water Rights

LICENSE 8523 assigned to Lurine S.  
Topham 1/12/96

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**ORDER**

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ORDER ALLOWING CORRECTION OF DESCRIPTION OF PLACE OF USE

WHEREAS, License 8523 was issued to Stanley A. and Lurine S. Topham and was recorded with the County Recorder of Fresno County on March 19, 1968, at page 625, Book 5548, of the official records, and

WHEREAS, the correction of description of place of use under said license for which petition was submitted on January 27, 1969, does not involve any physical change in works already constructed or in the original intent of the applicant concerning location of proposed works or the place of use, and the correction will not operate to the injury of any other legal user of water;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that permission be and the same is hereby granted to correct the description of place of use under said License 8523 to read as follows, to wit:

5 ACRES WITHIN THE SE $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SW $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 1, T10S, R22E, MDB&M  
10 ACRES WITHIN THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SW $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 1, T10S, R22E, MDB&M.

Dated: FEB 11 1969

*K. L. Woodward*  
K. L. Woodward, Chief  
Division of Water Rights